

COVID Mandate Protests 2022-02-06 09:00 EST

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Update as of 2022-02-06 0900H EST

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New information in red below.

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Bottom line/Summary:

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- ✓~ On February 5, 2022, Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one enhanced vigilance exam in which the Cdn citizen subject expressed extremist views as a follower of a QAnon influencer and ran the port upon referral to secondary.
- ✓~ A slow roll convoy is expected at Sarnia Bluewater Bridge on February 6, 2022, with potential of a one-hour highway blockade on Highway 402. Organizers state they will only block one lane of traffic.
- ✓~ Protest activity continues in Ottawa and Coutts (north of POE)
- ✓~ No new updates - CBSA and RCMP are anticipating significant protest activities in and around the village of Coutts, the port of Coutts, and the Highway leading from Lethbridge to Coutts on the weekend. Operational contingency plans are in place and the POE at Del Bonita being opened this weekend should the highway become blocked again. As of February 5, 2022, as of 1800 ET, CBSA processing continues. Traffic is slowed but continues to access one lane north/south.
- ✓~ Media reports that Ottawa Police refer to the ongoing protest as an occupation. Demonstrators have organized a semi-permanent camp at a lot on Coventry Road, where donations of food and fuel are distributed to protesters.

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
•~ Ottawa – February 6, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues •~ Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. US CBP is maintaining a checkpoint to meter traffic to proceed to the Primary Inspection Line. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. •~ Quebec City – February 6, 2022, some Freedom Convoy protest demonstrators remain in the vicinity of the QC National Assembly buildings.	•~ Ottawa – February 6, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown.	CANADA: •~ Ottawa – Several potential demonstrations (protests and counter protests) planned for February 5 and 6, 2022 •~ Sarnia – February 6, 2022. Slow Roll convoy with potential highway blockade •~ Ambassador Bridge – February 6, 2022. Convoy from the US to meet up at Bridge on the U.S. side ~ US: •~ Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy EUROPE: •~ Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) ~

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Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

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Intelligence Landscape

~BLUF: As of February 5, 2022 at 13:30, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

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Regional POE Impacts:

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ATL:

•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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Quebec:

·~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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·~ February 5, 2022, at 1953ET Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one enhanced vigilance exam in which the Canadian citizen subject ran the port upon referral to secondary exam, leaving identification with the Primary Officer. This was the first POE encounter this week with an individual openly expressing extremist viewpoints related to a QAnon influencer who urges violence against any government official enforcing COVID mandates. CBSA I&E, and local OPP are investigating. As of February 5, 2022 at 1945ET subject has not been returned to the POE.

GTA:

·~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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SOR:

Bluewater Bridge:

·~ On February 5, 2022, at approximately 12:30hr ET, CBSA SOR reported uncorroborated information from reliable source (Law enforcement partners) that protestors were enroute to Sarnia for a protest planned on February 6, 2022. Organizers state they will only blockade one lane of traffic of Highway 402 for an hour.

Ambassador Bridge:

·~ As of February 5, 2022, at 1900 ET, SOR EIOD reports uncorroborated information from law enforcement partner that a small convoy demonstration departed Tennessee with plans to meet on the U.S. side of the Ambassador Bridge on February 6. US CBP does not expect any impact to their operations (anticipate only 10 trucks)

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PRA:

Coutts:

·~ On February 5, 2022, as of 19:40 ET, RCMP are optimistic that there will be no further blockades. CBSA processing continues. Traffic continues to access one lane but could quickly become another blockade.

·~ CBP & CBSA remain poised to open Del Bonita POE should Coutts POE be impacted by a new blockade.

·~ RCMP Command Post set up in POE Coutts in the 3rd Floor Boardroom/Training and the secondary garage.

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PAC:

·~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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Other from PS:

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·~ February 3, 2022 – As of 17:00hrs, ET, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over the following areas:

Parliament Hill - extended until February 7, 2022

Queen's Park, Toronto - until February 9, 2022

Coutts, (Milk River) Alberta – until February 9, 2022

Quebec City, Quebec (unconfirmed) – until Feb 8, 2022

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